

October 1, 2001

Magalie R. Salas
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 - 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service
Federal High-Cost Support Certification for Rural Carriers in Illinois

Dear Secretary Salas:

On September 24, 2001 the Illinois Commerce Commission (“ICC”) filed a letter with the Commission certifying that rural carriers in the State of Illinois use universal service support “only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended,” consistent with Section 254(e). The intent of this letter is to add Verizon South, Inc. (Study Area Code 34XXX) to the previously filed list of rural carriers operating in Illinois that certified to the Illinois Commerce Commission that all federal universal service support will be used solely for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Attached to this letter is a copy of the carrier’s affidavit for your review. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Sincerely,

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

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